



# Newsletter

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## Calendar– Term 1

31 January to 31 March

### MARCH

Wed 1	Wednesday Wish German LOTE with Hennie EG Shire Van
Thurs 2	Littlies Learning at the Creek SA Kitchen Garden program
Friday 3	Marc Van <b>Swimming Session 4</b>
Monday 6	<b>Swimming Session 5</b>
Tues 7	Tuckshop Tuesday PLAYGROUP
Wed 8	German LOTE with Hennie
Thurs 9	Kitchen Garden program
Friday 10	<b>Swimming Session 6</b>
Mon 13	Labour Day Public Holiday
Wed 15	School Council Mtg

We have had a successful start to our swimming program with all children enjoying their first 3 lessons.

Thankyou to those families collecting their children from the pool before 3 o'clock to ensure the bus can leave on time for its run.

### Bus Travel

Thankyou to those parents who have been texting John and I before the bus run each morning if you will not be utilising the service. John leaves home just after 7.30am so an early text ensures he does not go to the bus stop before he receives the texts.

I would like to take this opportunity to say a huge thankyou to John for his flexibility and willingness to support our school by driving the bus free of charge.



**BUS TRAVEL CHANGES** - Text John on 0409 551 517  
AND Carol on 0412 567 092 before 7.30am and before 3pm

## In the Senior Class...

This week in the senior room our *Soundwaves* focus is k,c,q,ck, x (ks) and ch. (kite, car,queen,sock,fox and school. Concepts includes synonyms, prefixes, adding s, es, homophones/ correct word usage and word families. The children are also working on individual spelling words taken from their writing or a graded word list. We are trialling the Spellodrome program (another tool to support our spelling program).

The children are working on individual quick maths times tables tasks, handwriting, procedural texts and narratives. Our numeracy focus is multiples, factors and prime numbers.

As a group we are continuing to work on our *growth mindsets* to ensure we are open to lots of new learning.

Last week the children set individual learning goals that they will be working on this term. Some students requested take home tasks to support their achievement of these goals.

I have sent home the goals for you to look at, sign and return.

In art we are working on some **pop art** inspired by Roy Litchenstein.

Lots of hut building has been the main focus of our outdoor play. The children are working collaboratively together to build houses made of sticks and bark. There are some very creative dwellings on the go! Carol

## In the Junior class

Hello everyone! It was fantastic to see all the Little Class swimming so enthusiastically on Monday. They were trying their hardest and listening well (most of the time!)

In class, we have been talking about individual goals and what the children want to practice and learn. Each child now has a literacy, maths and personal goal to focus on for this term.

Examples are: learning my times tables, improving my handwriting, not interrupting people when they are talking. By collaborating together with the children they gain more ownership of their goals and hopefully we will see amazing results!

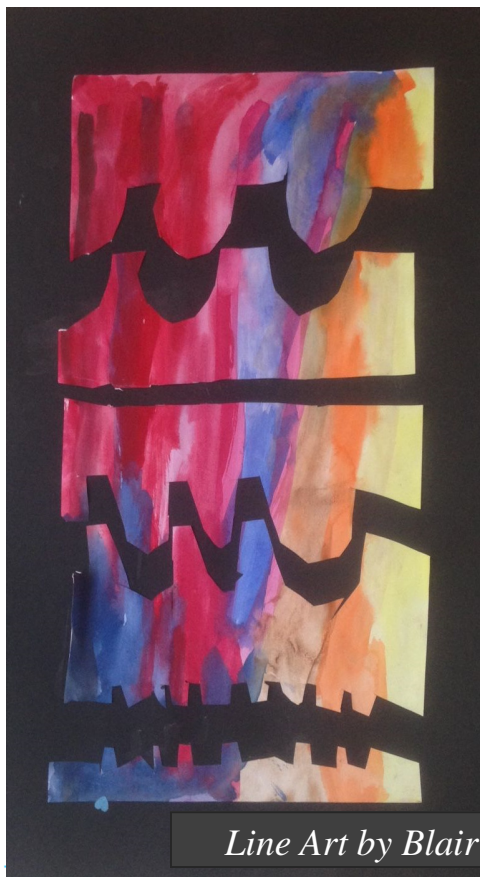
Our spelling sound this week is “m” with the tricky “mb”. The boys are learning to add –ing and –ed to words too. Annika has been listening carefully to words that rhyme and matching pictures.

We completed some line art last week,

with painting, drawing different lines, cutting and pasting. The finished pieces look great!

We have been working on editing our stories for capital letters and full stops, and revising what a sentence actually is. The children are looking forward to publishing their stories.

Thanks,  
Kat



*Line Art by Blair*

## Colds & Sniffles

Unfortunately one of the side effects of our swimming lessons, is that many children come down with a cold during the lessons. Whilst we do all we can to ensure the children are dressed quickly and dry their hair, some children are still prone to illness.

Unless your child is really quite unwell, we encourage you to send your child to school as frequent absences result in gaps in their learning. We have plenty of tissues!



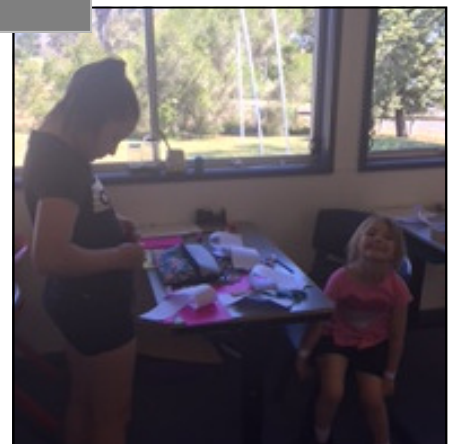
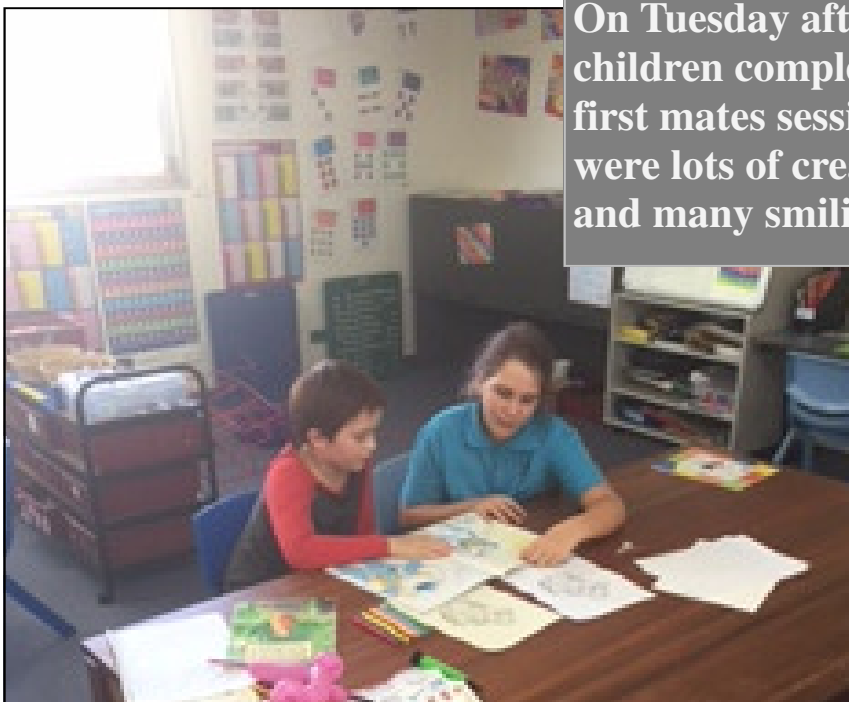
## Kitchen/Garden

Last Thursday the children enjoyed their meal on the stage overlooking the beautiful country side. We welcomed our Littlies Learning at the Creek guests. As usual the food was seasonal, fresh and very tasty; especially after a busy morning of learning and skill development in the kitchen and tending to the veggy garden, orchard and animals.



## MATES

On Tuesday afternoon the children completed their first mates session. There were lots of creative ideas and many smiling faces.



## Fab Fridays

Last Friday we looked at our Word of the Day- *astronomy* -the meaning, significance of the 24th February, and watched some documentaries on the Solar System. The juniors did a **mnemonic activity** to help learn the order and names of the planets whilst the seniors did a space vocabulary word search before we all watched a catchy song representing the characteristics of the planets.

In maths we did patterns and counting on forwards and back and the seniors analysed our results from last week's four coin toss and looked at the mathematical probability.

We did Mates reading and began an art activity using the "eye" of a peacock feather before heading to Bairnsdale for our second swimming session. John

# Happy Birthday

To Hayley who turns 12  
TOMORROW, 2nd March

## Hook in2 Hockey

Saturday 4th March 2017 : for 5 weeks  
Bairnsdale Hockey Club  
World Fields Wallace St, Bairnsdale  
Haylie Peacock ph:0419339018

## Bairnsdale Hockey Club 2017 season

registration / come & try nights -  
8th March 6.30pm, 15th March 4-  
6.30pm Location - WORLD building



## SUNSMART

A reminder that the CCPS Sunsmart policy requires all of our school community to have sun protection from **September to April**—hats are essential! Sunscreen is in classrooms for student use and PROTECTIVE clothing is required.

Check the Sunsmart App for daily sun protection times.

## TUCKSHOP

Well done once again to our grade 5 students for running our Tuckshop. Thankyou to Meg for bringing along some homemade treats to sell. Thankyou also to Robyn for the donation of some home grown plums and passionfruit.

## MY NAME

Parents of our grades 4-6 students: Please remember to send along a baby photo to use in our class book-My Name Story. If you haven't already done so, could you send one along asap. Thanks.

## Camps, Excursions & Sports Fund

Application forms were attached to last newsletter. Those families holding a valid means-tested concession card are entitled to \$125 to assist with school costs for camps, excursions and sporting activities. Thankyou to those who promptly returned the application forms—we are still waiting on some returns.

## **Frouteville 2017**

Think: markets, foodies, roving art and performance, live music well into the night, a children's adventure playground, community and art workshops, many ticketing options, and all grass-roots, home-grown community-focused great times.

4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> March at a new venue –  
Brackenbush Equestrian Centre at 17 Hoggs lane, Lakes Entrance. Find out more at [finc.org.au/frouteville-2017](http://finc.org.au/frouteville-2017)